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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: AMEDDC&S & Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis Policy on Use of Helmets in Military Tactical Vehicles

1. All personnel will wear a Kevlar helmet when operating or riding in military tactical vehicles in field exercises, combat training areas, and military ranges.
2. Commanders at Battalion level or the first officer in the grade of O-6 in the chain of command, and facility supervisors will prescribe appropriate headgear to be worn by occupants of military motor vehicles for all other environments. It is not my intent to apply this requirement to those vehicles designed primarily for administrative functions such as Government Service Administration (GSA) vans, and vehicles owned, leased, or rented by government entities.
3. This policy gives commanders flexibility in determining appropriate headgear for operations in military motor vehicles for normal administrative driving which do not involve tactical training or operations. Commanders will use the risk management process guidance in FM 100-14 when assessing the level of risk for a particular environment and/or mission.
4. This policy applies to all military personnel. Local commanders are advised that implementation of this policy is subject to applicable labor-management agreements and contractor-employer agreements.
5. For additional information, contact Mary Lloyd, Safety Specialist, 295-7915.

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